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Re: Support for SB 897 an Act Concerning Time Shares

Dear Sirs:

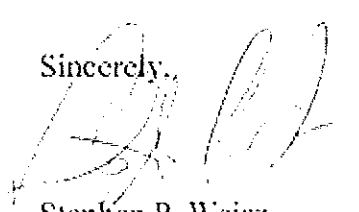
Marriott Ownership Resorts, Inc. d/b/a Marriott Vacation Club International, a wholly owned subsidiary of Marriott International, Inc., is a premier provider of vacation and leisure experiences and the recognized global leader in development, operations and sales of Vacation Ownership resorts via four distinct brands, Marriott Vacation Club, Horizons by Marriott Vacation Club, Grand Residences by Marriott, and The Ritz-Carlton Club. Since becoming the first branded hospitality company to enter the timeshare industry in 1984, Marriott Vacation Club has created many luxurious properties in sought after destinations globally, with many more in development. Marriott Vacation Club owners, including residents of Connecticut, now number more than 350,000 and tend to purchase their week(s) due to our quality product, outstanding Marriott customer service, and added value of ownership benefits.

A large part of Marriott Vacation Club's success is directly attributable to sound and reasonable timeshare laws such as those represented in SB 897 being considered by the Insurance and Real Estate Committee. Marriott Vacation Club supports the consideration and enactment of SB 897 because it contains a number of consumer protection provisions and requirements essential for the protection of Connecticut residents. Additionally SB 897 contains provisions necessary in today's marketplace to promote the continued development and sale of Vacation Ownership resorts in Connecticut.

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It is my hope that the members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee will agree with Marriott Vacation Club that SB 897 represents good law deserving of consideration and passage by the Connecticut Assembly. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Stephen P. Weisz

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